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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire
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Public Service Commission of South Carolina
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RE: South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff's Motion to Solicit Comments from Utilities and Other Interested Stakeholders Regarding Measures to be Taken to Mitigate Impacts of Threats to Safe and Reliable Utility Service;
Docket No: 2021-66-A

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced docket, please find a copy of the **Final Report** on the Resiliency of South Carolina's Electrical and Natural Gas Infrastructure Against Extreme Winter Storm Events ("Final Report"). A copy of the Final Report is being provided to Governor Henry McMaster, the State Regulation of Public Utilities Review Committee, and legislative leaders contemporaneous with this filing. By copy of this letter, I also am serving all parties of record to this matter as well as all other regulated and non-regulated electrical and natural gas utilities in South Carolina.

This Final Report sets forth the findings and recommendations related to the South Carolina power grid and the measures electric and natural gas utilities have taken or will take to:

1. Mitigate the negative impacts of ice storms and other dangerous weather conditions on the provision of safe and reliable utility service; and
2. Ensure peak customer demands on the utility system can be met during extreme winter weather scenarios.

This Final Report incorporates input provided by electric and natural gas utility providers under the jurisdiction of the Commission and other electric and gas non-regulated utilities that willingly participated. In addition, the findings and recommendations are supplemented by a set of key assumptions and additional assessment information. As a result of this process and as detailed in the Final Report, the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") and Guidehouse, Inc.

("Guidehouse") generally conclude that the South Carolina energy system and utility providers are adequately prepared to prevent and respond to outages caused by ice storms and winter weather events. However, the Final Report does recommend that a number of actions be considered to enhance the utilities' ability to respond to extreme winter weather events and to meet peak customer demand.

ORS will host a webinar in mid-January at which time ORS and Guidehouse will discuss with interested and participating parties the findings and recommendations set forth in the Final Report. ORS will notify the parties when the webinar is scheduled. To the extent interested parties desire to file comments regarding the Final Report, ORS respectfully requests that such comments be filed with the Commission in the above-referenced docket.

In closing, ORS greatly appreciates the assistance provided by the Commission and the contributions of all of the participating utilities, and the other interested parties in completing this review.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

cc: All Parties of Record

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(all via electronic mail with enclosures)